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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Sigeyuki YOKOYAMA *et al.* )  
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Application No. 10/718,628 ) Group Art Unit: 1652  
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Filed: November 24, 2003 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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For: A MUTANT KANAMYCIN NUCLEO- ) Confirmation No.: 3641  
TIDYLTRANSFERASE AND A METHOD )  
OF SCREENING THERMOPHILIC )  
BACTERIA USING THE SAME )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on November 24, 2003, and an Information Disclosure Statement on January 29, 2004. The only communication that we have received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is a Filing Receipt mailed on January 9, 2004. In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise her of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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